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SUMMARY: ON JANUARY 8 THE COMMISSION DELEGATED TO ACT FOR THE VENEZUELAN NATIONAL CONGRESS UNANIMOUSLY PASSED A DECLARATION CONDEMNING THE DISCRIMINATORY FEATURES OF THE NEW U.S. TRADE LAW. LEFTIST POLITICIANS ARE URGING GOVERNMENT TO NATIONALIZE THE PETROLEUM INDUSTRY WITHOUT DELAY AND TO REJECT SHLAUDEMAN AS THE NEW U.S. AMBASSADOR, BUT SOME POLITICIANS FROM THE RULING ACCION DEMOCRATICA (AD) PARTY ARE RESISTING SUCH EXTREME MEASURES. END SUMMARY.

1. THE DELEGATED COMMISSION ACTIN ON BEHALF OF THE NATIONAL CONGRESS (CURRENTLY IN RECESS) UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED A DECLARATION ON JANUARY 8 WHICH CONDEMNED THE NEW U.S. TRADE LAW AS "AN UNFRIENDLY ACT WHICH DISTURBS THE RELATIONS OF MUTUAL COOPERATION AND CORDIALITY WHICH MUST BE MAINTAINED BETWEEN SOVEREIGN COUNTRIES." THE DECLARATION STATES THAT THE OPEC COUNTRIES

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HAVE THE LEGITIMATE RIGHT TO CLAIM PRICES FOR THEIR EXPORTS

CONSONANT WITH THE INCREASE IN PRICES OF MANUFACTURES PRODUCTS. THE DECLARATION, CLAIMING THAT THE U.S. TRADE LAW CONTRADICTS THE SPIRIT NECESSARY FOR DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE U.S. AND LATIN AMERICA, SUPPORTS THE SUGGESTION THAT VENZUELA NOT PARITICIPATE IN THE BUENOS AIRES MINISTERIAL MEETING. THE DOCUMENT PROPOSES THATVENEZUELA FIND A NEW ORIENTATION FOR ITS FOREING COMMERCE AND THAT THE GOVERNMENT STUDY THE PRESENT SYSTEM OF TARIFFS AND DUTIES ON U.S. IMPORTS IN ORDER TO USE THEM AS "AN INSTRUMENT IN THE DEFENSE OF OUR INTERESTS."

2. ON JANUARY 8, THE NATIONALIST BUSINESS ORGANIZATION "PRO VENEZUELA" CONVENED A MEETING OF THE REPESENTATIVES FROM THE MAJOR POLITICAL PARTIES TO CONSIDER REACTIONS TO THE U.S. TRADE LAW. THE AD REPESENTATIVE, CARLOS CANACHE MATA, PROPOSED THE PREPARATION OF A DOCUMENT PROTESTING THE U.S. TRADE LAW WHICH THE DELEGATED CMMISSIN WOULD SEND AS AN OFFICIAL COMMUNICATION TO THE U.S. CONGRESS. JESUS ANGEL PAZ GALARRAGA, HEAD OF THE LEFT-WING MOVIMIENTO ELECTORAL DEL PUEBLE (MEP) PARTY, PROPOSED THE IMMEDIATE NATIONALIZATION OF THE PETROLEUM INDUSTRY. COPEI REPRESENTATIVE EDUARDO FERNANDEZ SAID THAT, IN LIGHT OF THE EXPERIENCE AT THE QUITO OAS MEETING, IT DID NOT SEEM ADVISABLE TO CONVOKE YET ANOTHER OAS MEETING TO DISCUSS THE NORTH AMERICAN POSITION. HE PROPOSED CONVENING THE NATIONAL CONGRESS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE IN ORDER TO APPROVE THE DRAFT LAW FOT THE NATIONALIZATION OF THE PETROLEUM INDUSTRY.

3. COMMUNIST PARTY SPOKESMAN EDUARDO MACHADO PROPOSED NATIONAL MOBILIZATION, SINCE ACTIONS SPEAK LOUDER THAN WORKDS. JORGE RODRIGUEZ OF THE SOCIALIST LEAGUE STATED THA THE NEW U.S. AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE TO VENEZUELA WAS COMING HERE TO CONSPIRE AND WAS PROMINENT MEMBER OF THE CIA. AD REPRESENTATIVE CANACHE MATA REPORTEDLY RESPONDED THAT IT WOULD BE IMPRUDENT FOR THE GOV TO REJECT SHLAUDEMAN, SINCE WASHINGTON WOULD SIMPLY SEND SOMEONE ELSE. HE ALSO SAID THE THE GOV PLANNED TO SUBMIT ITS DRAFTS LAW ON NATIONALIZATION OF THE PETROLEUM INDUSTRY WHEN CONGRESS RESUMES IN MARCH FOR ITS REGULAR SESSION.

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